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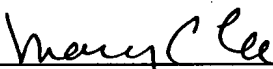
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DECISION
ON PETITION

In re Application of
CHRISTOPHER R. BEBBINGTON, ET AL.
Serial No. 08/376,380
Filed: January 23, 1995
For: RECOMBINANT DNA METHODS VECTORS AND HOST
CELLS

This is a decision on the petition filed July 2, 1996, under 37 CFR 1.103(a) requesting that action be suspended in this application for a period of SIX (6) months.

The petition states that the suspension is requested to allow the prosecution of related application Serial No. 08/302,241 to proceed to issue. A review of the record in Serial No., 08/302,241 indicates that there is an outstanding office action to which a response is due. There is no indication as to when or if that application will issue. While the two applications may present similar issues, it is not clear that resolution of all issues in the related application will result in resolution of all issues in the instant application. Even with a favorable determination to applicants in the related application, further prosecution would likely be necessary in this application. Such a suspension would only delay the ultimate determination of patentability or lack thereof in this application. Therefore suspension in this application is not appropriate.

The Petition is Denied.


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